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**JILL BILLINGS**

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**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

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**Statement from Rep. Jill Billings on Gov. Walker's State of the State Address**

**MADISON** - Representative Jill Billings (D- La Crosse) released the following statement regarding Governor Walker's 2015 State of the State Address:

"Going into the 2015-16 legislative session, Wisconsin is lagging behind our Midwest neighbors. As the Representative of a border community, this especially concerns me. Wisconsin is going into the next budget with a 1.8 billion dollar deficit and ranks last in Midwest job growth over the past three years. Changes are needed, but tonight Governor Walker missed the mark.

"To make positive change in our state, we need to make sure that our state budget reflects our shared priorities. We need to fight for our local workforce, push back against special interests, and ensure that our public schools have the resources to continue to provide a quality education for all Wisconsin students.

"This session, I hope my legislative counterparts can move past partisan goals and special-interest incentives, and focus on implementing commonsense solutions for our middle-class neighbors and families. My democratic colleagues and I are committed to restoring economic progress in our state, creating opportunities for our children to succeed, and protecting Wisconsinites' most basic freedoms."

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